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A cloud-like symbol in a network diagram used to reduce an entire communications network into points of entry and exit. It infers that although there may be any number of switches, routers, trunks, and other network devices within the cloud, the point of interconnection to the cloud (network) is the only technical issue in the diagram. Clouds are often used to depict a WAN (wide area network).

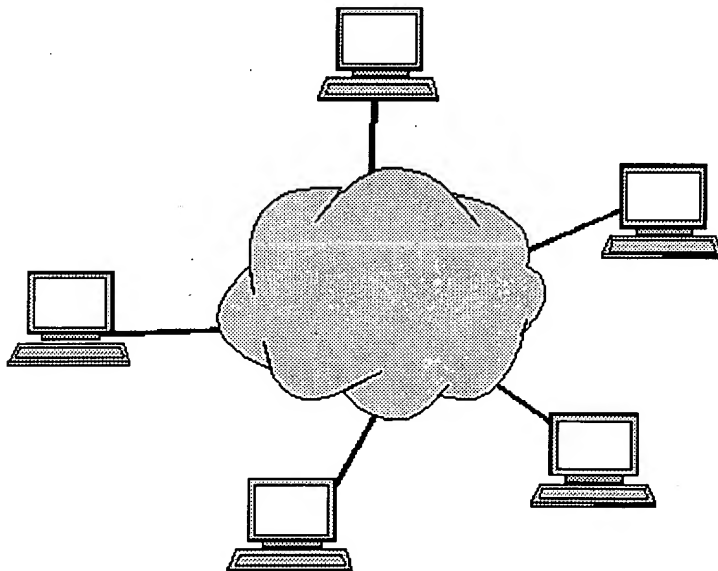
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